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1. SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU INVITED DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BOLEN TO LUNCH JANUARY 7 AND ONCE AGAIN STRESSED
SOMALIA'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE US.
AMBASSADOR BOLEN REASSURED ADDOU THAT THE US WAS PREPARED
TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

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2. BOLEN CALLED ADDOU'S ATTENTION TO THE MIXED SIGNALS
FROM SOMALIA WHICH RAISED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
IMPORTANCE THE GSDR ATTACHES TO IMPROVED BILATERAL
RELATIONS. ADDOU WAS TOLD THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLEASED
TO NOTE THE FAVORABLE COMMENT IN THE SOMALI NEWS AGENCY
ABOUT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. WE ALSO NOTED THE FORMAL
GSDR APOLOGY FOR THE TENDENTIOUS ARTICLE ON US SOUTHERN

AFRICAN POLICY. THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INVITATION TO SEND TWO PARTICIPANTS TO THE US AID FOOD STORAGE SEMINAR IN EGYPT WAS A HELPFUL SIGN. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRESIDENT SIAD'S RENEWED APPEAL ON DECEMBER 24 FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY OAU SESSION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE THE DELICATE RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. BOLEN ALSO EXPRESSED

CONCERN ABOUT SIAD'S SUGGESTION IN THE JANUARY 6 LEMONDE INTERVIEW THAT "CERTAIN AMERICANS ARE TRYING TO MAKE TROUBLE" CONCERNING ETHIOPIA AND DJIBOUTI. BOLEN NOTED THAT ONLY ONE APPOINTMENT WAS GIVEN TO SENATE STAFF RICHARDSON DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MOGADISCIO. ADDOU WAS INFORMED ABOUT THE ACTIVE LISTENING DEVICE WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE WALL OF THE POLITICAL OFFICER'S HOUSE IN OCTOBER; THIS DISCOVERY IN THE CONTEXT OF MASSIVE SOVIET PRESENCE IN SOMALIA WAS VIEWED WITH SOME CONCERN. BOLEN TOLD ADDOU THAT THIS MIXTURE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO DISCERN ANY CONSTANCY IN SOMALI ACTION IN FAVOR OF IMPROVED RELATIONS.

3. ADDOU SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOMALIA WERE PROUD, SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE AND INDEPENDENT. WHILE PREPARED TO TAKE A POSITION ACCOMMODATING TO THE US ON PUERTO RICO AT THE UN THIS YEAR, SOMALIA COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A CONSISTENT PRO-WESTERN POSITION. BOLEN TOLD ADDOU THAT THE US DID NOT EXPECT THE GSDP TO ADOPT A PRO-WESTERN FOREIGN POLICY; WE DID EXPECT SOMALIA TO DEMONSTRATE GENUINE NONALIGNMENT AND BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO US INTERESTS AND CONCERNS.

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4. ADDOU SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN SIAD'S CALL FOR AN OAU SUMMIT BY NOTING SIAD'S DESIRE FOR DIALOGUE. ADDOU COMMENTED THAT SIAD, DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AS OAU CHAIRMAN, HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE; HE HAD IN FACT VISITED EACH AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE. ADDOU STRESSED SIAD'S DESIRE FOR INVOLVEMENT; HE FELT ISOLATED AND WANTED DIALOGUE AND CONSULTATION ON AFRICAN ISSUES. ADDOU ARGUED THAT SOMALIA'S ACTIONS WERE NOT DIRECTED AGAINST US INTERESTS. BOLEN TOLD ADDOU THAT THE TONE AND CONTENT OF GSDR STATEMENTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE NOT HELPFUL AND COULD COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED.

5. ADDOU SEEMED UNAWARE OF SIAD'S LEMONDE INTERVIEW AND MADE NO COMMENT ON THE LISTENING DEVICE. HE SAID THAT STAFF DELEGATE RICHARDSON HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; THE CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION WAS ALSO PRESENT. ADDOU NOTED THAT

RICHARDSON WAS A VERY YOUNG MAN AND SEEMED MAINLY INTERESTED IN SECURITY AND DEFENSE MATTERS; HE HAD REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND VICE PRESIDENT SAMANTAR. THE GSDR DID NOT FEEL THAT AN APPOINTMENT FOR RICHARDSON AT THAT LEVEL WAS APPROPRIATE.

6. ADDOU CONCLUDED BY AGAIN STRESSING SOMALIA'S PRIDE

AND EXPECTATION THAT THE US, AS A MAJOR POWER, WOULD TAKE SOME INITIATIVES TO TEST SOMALIA'S GOOD INTENTIONS. ADDOU WAS REMINDED THAT THE US HAD MADE SOME POSITIVE GESTURES BY PROVIDING DROUGHT ASSISTANCE, OFFERING TO RESUME A MODEST AID PROGRAM AND MORE RECENTLY BY INVITING SOMALI PARTICIPANTS TO THE FOOD STORAGE SEMINAR. BOLEN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT SOMALIA SHOULD ALSO TAKE SOME ACTIONS AND CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THAT IT ATTACHES CONFIDENTIAL

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